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SUBJECT: UNESCO NEGOTIATIONS ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY

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[1](#)B. STATE 089776

[1](#)1. On April 18, poloff deliverd Ref A talking points by telephone and fax to Angella Brown, Deputy Director, International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (MFAFT). Brown's initial reaction was that the Cultural Diversity Convention is a UNESCO issue that would be appropriately discussed either by the Executive Board or the General Assembly. She reserved further comment until she had the opportunity to review the European resolution in detail, and to discuss the matter with MFAFT's UNESCO officer.

[1](#)2. On April 28, poloff contacted Brown for a more definitive response. She offered that the Jamaican delegation did not object to a discussion of the the Convention among Executive Board Members because, according to Brown, there was no precedent for a case like this to be considered by the General Assembly. She added that the issue had already been decided by the time she asked MFAFT's UNESCO officer to research the matter.

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